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Note verbale dated 18 August 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Mauritius to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and has the honour to submit herewith a report on the actions taken by the Government of Mauritius with regard to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1803 (2008) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 18 August 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Mauritius to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1803 (2008) by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius

Further to the first report submitted by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius in June 2007 pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007), the Government wishes to update the Committee on the various administrative measures taken to implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 1803 (2008), adopted by the Council on 3 March 2008. The present report is based on the steps taken by the different Ministries and Departments of the Government to implement resolution 1803 (2008), which are described hereunder.

1. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development/Bank of Mauritius

On 2 April 2008, the Bank of Mauritius forwarded to all financial institutions falling under its purview the list of persons and entities annexed to Security Council resolution 1803 (2008) and requested:

(a) Banks and non-bank deposit-taking institutions to inform the Bank of Mauritius whether persons or entities mentioned in the list hold any accounts with them and to seek the approval of the Bank before executing any requests for transactions with respect to those persons or entities;

(b) Cash dealers to seek the approval of the Bank before executing any requests for transactions with respect of those persons and entities.

As at the present date, banks and non-bank deposit-taking institutions have informed the Bank that no persons and/or entities contained in the list annexed to the resolution maintain any accounts with them.

Cash dealers have so far not sought the approval of the Bank to execute and requests for transaction with respect to such persons or entities.

2. Police Department

Security Council resolution 1803 (2008), paragraph 3

The names of the individuals mentioned at annexes I and II of the resolution have been added to the Immigration Control List. Police officers based at the Airport and the Port have been instructed to exercise vigilance and restraint regarding the entry into or transit of nationals of the Islamic Republic of Iran and to report any irregularities.

Security Council resolution 1803 (2008), paragraph 4

All measures taken by the Police to implement the above resolution, such as questioning, profiling and surveillance, etc., of suspected persons are in compliance with human rights and international law.

Security Council resolution 1803 (2008), paragraph 7

Activities of persons suspected to be in whatever manner linked to individuals mentioned in annexes I and II, are closely monitored and all relevant information will be disseminated to the authorities concerned.

Security Council resolution 1803 (2008), paragraph 8

Surveillance at our points of entry and in our exclusive economic zone has been stepped up and the collaboration of other agencies/departments such as the Customs, Air Mauritius Ltd., etc. have been enlisted to report on any suspicious cargo to or from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Security Council resolution 1803 (2008), paragraph 11

On reasonable suspicion, cargo as well as aircraft are inspected with the assistance of border control agencies.

3. Director of Civil Aviation

At present there is no bilateral air services agreement between Mauritius and the Islamic Republic of Iran and therefore there is no scheduled air traffic between the two countries. For any unscheduled flight, the Director of Civil Aviation of Mauritius normally requests information on the purpose of the flight before clearing the aircraft to overfly the Mauritius flight information region and/or land in Mauritius. In case of a cargo flight, the operator has to specify the nature of the cargo and the consignee.

4. Ministry of Public Utilities

The Radiation Protection Authority together with the Customs Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority will continue to ensure vigilance on the transit of any radioactive or nuclear material that may be used for the creation of nuclear weapons, destined for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5. Conclusion

Mauritius remains committed to Security Council resolution 1803 (2008) and is taking appropriate measures at the national level for its implementation.